

P L E D G E F O R N E W C A T A D O P T E R S

- ◊ I pledge to make a reasonable commitment of time and effort, and to effect scheduling and lifestyle changes in order to make this relationship work.
- ◊ I pledge to provide appropriate and timely veterinary care for the life of my cat.
- ◊ I pledge to provide my cat with the proper nutrition for optimum health, and to keep my cat the proper weight, neither obese, nor emaciated.
- ◊ I pledge to keep this cat indoors at all times, and to include him/her in the activities of the household while we are home, as much as possible.
- ◊ I pledge to spay or neuter my cat, if he/she is not already done.
- ◊ I pledge to provide my cat with mental stimulation in the form of either play, interactive toys & training.
- ◊ I pledge to provide my cat with enough training and/or behavioral management so as to enable him to be a welcome part of my community, or managed safely.
- ◊ I pledge to provide my cat ample outlets for his instincts so that he does not feel constantly frustrated, or develop behavioral problems because he is neglected or under stimulated.
- ◊ I pledge to provide my cat with enough toys to satisfy his urge to play.
- ◊ I pledge to get professional help if my cat has or develops behavior or temperament problems, and, if safe, to manage my cat carefully so as not to endanger the people and other pets in my community.
- ◊ I pledge to do everything I can to keep my cat from becoming a nuisance in my community.
- ◊ I will not allow him to run free.
- ◊ I pledge that if I have to move residences for any reason, I am aware that finding housing that accepts pets can take longer than average, but that I will commit to moving with my cat, as I would move with a member of my family.
- ◊ I pledge that if, for any reason, I can no longer keep this cat, I will not abandon this cat, and I will return the cat to the center if required) or leave ample time to find a new, appropriate home, tell the new owners truthfully all the cat's behaviors, good and bad, and follow up occasionally to make sure the cat is safe and content.

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